

Dear Resident:

Your participation in New Jersey's West Nile virus (WNV) surveillance efforts this season is greatly appreciated. You are playing a vital role in our state's efforts to track and control the spread of WNV.

Crows, more than any other bird native to New Jersey, are especially susceptible to illness and death from WNV. Testing crows for WNV is the best way to know where the virus is circulating and where enhanced mosquito control activities may need to occur.

We have encouraged the public's help in tracking this virus by asking that they contact their local health department when a sick or dead crow is found on their property. However, due to the large number of crows submitted and/or the condition of some bird carcasses, not all crows can be tested to determine if they were infected with WNV. Your local health department will be notified of the testing outcome of the sample(s) collected from your property in approximately 1-3 weeks and will share that information with you upon request. Contact your Local Health Department for results at _____

Agency and Phone Number

Thank you once again for your assistance. We encourage you to continue reporting sick or dead crows to your local health department. Any mosquito concerns should be directed to your local mosquito control agency.

For more information on West Nile virus, visit the State Department of Health and Senior Services' website at www.state.nj.us/health, the State Department of Environmental Protection's site at www.state.nj.us/dep/mosquito, the State Department of Agriculture's site at www.state.nj.us/agriculture, or the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's site at www.cdc.gov, or your local health department and/or mosquito control agency's website at _____

